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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 3 Percent From Last Year

On January 1, 2009, Arizona had 358,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 10,000 head from a year ago and 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 29,000 head during December, 3,000 head more than a year ago. During December, 29,000 head were marketed, an increase of 5,000 head from last year.

On January 1, 2009, California had 490,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 70,000 head from last year and down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 59,000 head during December, 8,000 head less than last year. During December, 60,000 head were marketed, unchanged from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on January 1, 2009. The inventory was 7 percent below January 1, 2008 and 6 percent below January 1, 2007. The inventory included 7.07 million steers and steer calves, down 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.10 million head, down 6 percent from 2008.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.65 million, 3 percent below 2007 and 4 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.57 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000, 600-699 pounds were 490,000, 700-799 pounds were 407,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 4 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during December, 31 percent above 2007 but 14 percent below 2006.

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